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## NEWS FROM IRELAND.

## Dublin.

A cow, the property of Francis Hamilton, Esq., of Rowlestown, county Dublin, presented her owner with three calves on Monday, the 20th of December. The calves (two fine bulls and a heifer) are all doing well, their mother giving twelve quarts of milk daily, and had been milked till six weeks before calving.

Mr. O'Farrell, one of the Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police, on the 8th ult., presented Acting Superintendent Lynam, traffic superintendent of Grafton-street, Dublin, with a purse of sovereigns, subscribed by the inhabitants of that street as a reward for the diligence which he had displayed in the discharge of his duties. This is the second presentation made to Inspector Lynam within a short period.

The Dublin journals announce that a man has been arrested in that city who is understood by the police to be Deenan, who was chief in command of the Fenian insurgents in the March insurrection at Tallaght. He was armed with a six chamber revolver when arrested. The police also assert that he is the man who recently shot dead a policeman on one of the quays.

## Kildare.

At the petty sessions in Naas, on the 7th ult., Thady Shea, a pauper inmate preferred a charge against another inmate named Thomas McDermott, alias Thomas Fitzpatrick, for robbing him of the sum of 5s. 5d. It appeared from the evidence of an other pauper named Fanning, that he saw the accused take a purse out of Shea's pocket, and he afterwards reported the matter to the master (Mr. Newcome) who searched the prisoner, and found the sum of 2s. 3d. in a purse similar to that stolen from Shea. The prisoner was sent for trial to the quarter sessions.

## Queen's County.

Dr. Joseph H. Hatchell, son of Dr. Hatchell, Inspector of Lunatic Asylums, has been appointed Resident Physician to the Maryborough District Lunatic Asylum.

## Louth.

A Drogheda correspondent says: A large number of hand-loom weavers, who hitherto, by the application of a small capital, were able to produce and retail in our town markets the work of their looms, now find they are unable to subsist, for in addition to the ordinary pressure to which they are subjected in common with others, they have the additional one of being cut out of the market by the cotton cloth. Other branches of industry also suffer, and from every appearance we have a very hard winter and spring before us, without any well-founded hope of a better state of things soon settling in.

In Dundalk, on the 4th ult., a man named Robert Gray, a seaman, was committed to the county jail by Capt. Coote, under the following circumstances. A private soldier of the Scots Greys, named Thomas Leinster, called on Sub-Constable Morchard, and stated that a civilian had just used very seditious language in his presence. The prisoner stated that his name was Robert Gray, that he was a native of Ireland, but had resided for several years in Liverpool.

It is expected that John Lynch, cutter, who has been incarcerated in Drogheda and elsewhere on charge of Fenianism, will soon be liberated on bail, Patrick Ternan, J. P. Listoke, John Gradwell, and J. P. Patton having tendered themselves as securities.

## Longford.

The county Longford quarter sessions opened on the 7th ult., in Ballymahon, before Charles Kelly, Esq., Q. C., county chairman, who presided over the grand jury, that there were only two cases for trial one of assault, the other of larceny.

## Cork.

On the night of the 10th ult., about half-past eleven o'clock, while two men were walking along Patrick's street, Cork, a bottle, supposed to contain Greek fire, exploded in the pocket of one of them. He immediately threw off his coat, and in company with his companion disappeared. After the coat had been thrown on the ground, it is stated a second bottle exploded. When the police arrived they kept at a respectable distance from the burning coat, but arrested two poor people who were looking at the flame. These they took to prison, and one of them a poor brogue-maker named James Aspen, was sent by brought up for examination, which, though there was no earthly evidence to connect him with the affair, ended in his being remanded to jail for eight days, amid the cries of his poor wife, who protested she had no means of support meantime.

In Cork harbor, on the 6th ult., a court-martial, presided over by Captain Miller, assembled on board the British frigate Mersey for the trial of a sailor, named Dunlevie, for walking in the late funeral procession in Dublin. The accused was brought around from the Royal George at Kingstown in the Raven. The decision of the court was that

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he should be disgraced, reduced to the rank of ordinary seaman, of the second class, and to undergo 42 days' imprisonment, at hard labor.

The Cork Constitution says:—The tenantry on the Smith Barry estates took the opportunity on Tuesday last (Jan. 7), of presenting a testimonial to Lady Willoughby de Broke on her first visit to her brother at Fouty since her marriage with Lord Willoughby de Broke. A deputation, consisting of ten of the tenantry, representing the different estates, waited upon her, and having received by Mr. Arthur H. Smith Barry, M. P., Mrs. Smith Barry and the family, Mr. George Wise, of Killybeg, in a complimentary speech, requested her ladyship's acceptance of a beautiful bracelet.

## Limerick.

At the Limerick petty sessions, on the 10th ult., Edward Daly, the son of a respectable citizen, was put forward by Constable McGarry, charged with assaulting some soldiers in George's street, and obstructing their passage on the footway. McGarry deposed that his attention was called to the prisoner by some soldiers, and he saw him follow a soldier through the streets as if to strike him. He took him into custody, when Daly turned on the witness and assaulted him.

## Kerry.

The Lord Lieutenant has revoked the license for keeping and carrying arms granted to Jeremiah Heffernan, of Cookeragh, in the barony of Iraghmoor, and county of Kerry.

## Tipperary.

Early on Christmas morning some person placed on the weighing machine outside the market house of Cashel, a green placard upon which were written the following words: "A merry Christmas, but a bloody new year! Death to murderers. Remember Allen, O'Brien, and Larkin!"

A Cahir correspondent, under date Jan. 7, says:—A farmer named Edmund O'Donohoe, of Kyea, was assaulted while returning from Clonmel fair in his car. When passing Irish-town, Cross he was spoken to by two men. One of the men, who told the farmer his name Bushel, knocked him down and robbed him of 4s. The second man taking no part in the affair. Both of the men then ran away towards the workhouse bridge. Two men are arrested, and have been committed to the county jail, Clonmel, on suspicion of being the perpetrators.

On Sunday, Jan. 5, Mayor Byrne, of Clonmel, in full robes attended High Mass in the church of S. S. Peter and Paul. He was attended in state by the members of the corporation and other officials. For three hundred years such an event had not taken place.

## Waterford.

On the evening of the 3d ult., a man named Patrick Moriarty was arrested in Waterford, on suspicion of being a Fenian emissary. He had come from America a fact which settled the matter. Of course he was remanded.

At a late Waterford petty sessions, a man named William Day was fined 2s. 6d. and costs of court, for not having registered according to law the birth of his child, then over six months old.

## Antrim.

The following statistics show the progress of house accommodation in the borough of Belfast, and the increased valuation in the year 1867: New buildings, 1,541; increase in valuation, £21,596; valuation of borough of Belfast on the 1st of January, 1867, £352,683; on 1st January 1868, £394,874; increase, £42,191.

On Sunday, 5th ult., the dead body of a man named John Kain, a mullin agent, was found in the canal at Lisburn. It seems that the deceased, who had for some time been under medical treatment for an affection of the brain, left his house in Bow street, Lisburn, on the previous Friday evening, and accompanied his sister to a place called Warren Gate, on the Hillsborough road. On leaving her he stated that he was going to see some person who was to assist him in the warehouse on Saturday. Nothing further was known of him till his corpse was found as above described.

## Down.

The Newry Examiner says:—We are sincerely grieved at having to record the death of Mr. Edward Quinn, who was one of the oldest and most successful merchants of Newry. Straightforward in business transactions, and possessed of all the kindly qualities that render a man estimable in the domestic circle, his demise will long be deplored by those who had the best opportunities of becoming acquainted with his genuine worth.

A Swedish turnip, weighing no less than 13lbs, was recently grown on the farm of Mrs. Lockhart, of Jeritzpass.

## Derry.

On the eve of Christmas, Captain M'Clintock, Hampstead Hall, and his lady, made presents of suitable clothing, and in several other ways relieved the wants of a large number of persons on the Buncrana property. The Marquis of Conyngham recently presented Mr. Daniel M'Devitt, jun., of Glenties, with a silver horn, beautifully enameled, and bearing an inscription which states that the presentation was made in memory of Mr. M'Devitt's efforts in opening up a new mail route between Stranorlar and Glenties.

## Wicklow.

On the 23d of December, a man named Murray, who resides at Hollywood, county Wicklow, was arrested in Killeen, on charge of having tried to get a soldier of the 92nd Highlanders, stationed at the Carragh camp, to desert the service. He was committed to Naas jail.

## Wexford.

A fisherman named John Wickam fell out of his boat on the night of Jan. 3, and was drowned at Rosslare. Wickam was a young man, and leaves a widow and two helpless orphans.

## Kilkenny.

An Ennisclorthy correspondent, under date Jan. 6, says:—An old woman named Bridget Quinn, residing in this town, was committed to gaol by the bench of magistrates of the petty sessions court to-day for endeavouring to set fire to a dwelling house belonging to a lady named O'Farrell. Miss O'Farrell's brother saw the prisoner put a bundle of rags and lucifer matches in the thatch of the house, and took her prisoner. This was the third time within the less than three weeks that the same house had been attempted to be set on fire, and in the same way, with a combustible of old rags and matches.

## Carlow.

The Irish Times says:—A couple named James Finlay and Ellen Carroll lately eloped from the county Kilkenny, after stealing sufficient money to pay their passage to America, as both their parents objected to permit them to get married on account of their youth. They were, however, caught in Waterford and brought home.

## Cavan.

The names of Robert Irvine, late of Erolaghmore, in the county Cavan, farmer, and Andrew Sloane, late of Rookerry, in the county of Monaghan, grocer and haberdasher, and of Coochill, in the county of Cavan, grocer and spirit dealer, trading as Andrew Sloane and Sons, recently appeared in the insolvency lists.

## Tyrone.

A bailiff, named Robert Clarke, was on December 27th brought up at the Clogher Quarter Sessions, before James Robinson, Esq., Q. C., charged with endeavouring to intimidate one Joseph Alexander, of Kildrum, Kilmore, by sending a letter threatening to shoot him if he ever attended an Orange lodge again. The letter was signed "Patrick Hamon." Mr. Cecil Moore prosecuted. The case was sent for trial at the Omagh assizes.

## Fermanagh.

At correspondent of the Ulster Observer, writing from Enniskillen on the 5th ult., calls attention to the beauty of the new Catholic Church erected at Seshangh, in the parish of Cleenish, by Rev. Father O'Carroll. A handsome school house and a parochial residence for the pastor and his successor have also been conveniently erected near by.

At a late Enniskillen quarter sessions, P. J. Blake, Esq., Q. C., had the audacity to compliment in his address, as Chairman of the County to the Grand Jury—the Orangemen of that town and neighborhood on the peaceful state of the county, and also on their being happily free from the taint of treason!

## Donegal.

A correspondent of the Derry Journal says:—A codfish of unusual size was captured in the entrance to Sheephaven bay, by Thomas Robinson, belonging to Dunfanaghy, on Wednesday morning last. An idea of its size may be imagined when it

weighed over 85 pounds. A good season's fishing is expected.

## Galway.

On the 27th of December the Town of Tuam was invaded by a large force of the Galway police, sent specially, and in heavy marching order, "to keep the peace." Should there be any disturbance arising from the solemn Requiem Mass being then offered up in the Cathedral for the repose of the souls of Allen, Larkin and O'Brien. There was, however, not the least intention of a "breach of the peace."

## THE UNCONQUERED CAPTIVE.

Allan Campbell looked up from his work, and his eyes met those of Princess Luletta. The blackish orbs of the charming Banjereen, and the blue ones of the young Scotchman gazed into each other with mutual surprise and admiration.

"He is very handsome, although so pale," said the Princess to herself. "She is really beautiful, although so dark," said Allan in his heart, which beat quicker at the unexpected apparition of so much dusky loveliness.

She did not utter a word aloud, but stood gazing at him. At last she dropped the fan she carried, turned away, and continued her walk through the wood. Allan looked after her till she disappeared among the trees, and then perceived the fan, caught it up, and ran after its owner.

He did not overtake her so readily as he expected, and might not have found her at all, had screams not attracted him to the spot where he beheld her facing a tremendous boar, which was about to dart upon its boateous prey.

The brave Allan, without a moment's hesitation, rushed upon the monster, and with the ax which he had heaving with, dealt a succession of blows, as to place the frightful foe-horns du combat, almost before the maiden's screams had died away in the neighboring hills.

The race, light and excitement, had put the young conqueror of the boar, and he stood panting there, with flushed cheeks and flashing eyes, glancing from one the other from the huge serpent, writhing in its dying agonies, to the handsome islander, and then back again to the creature, the huge proportions of which filled him with astonishment at his victory.

The rescued beauty advanced and extended her hand to him. Her lustrous eyes beamed gratefully, and she said:—"White stranger, I was this creature's prey. To my fate it seemed that I was already crushed to death in its folds, but you given me life again. How shall I thank you?"

Allan kissed the hand of the Princess, and replied:—"I am a captive and it is easy for you to reward me with liberty; if you have not the power, the deed I have done rewards itself."

"Are you so eager to leave us? Is your own home so beautiful?" "You might not think it fair, but it contains those I love, who are mourning my absence."

"Your wives?" "In my country a man has but one wife, and I have none; but I have mother brothers and sisters."

"A man has one wife and why have you not even one?" "Because I have never loved; I shall never marry till I do."

"And then you will buy her whom you love?" "Women are not sold in my country."

"How then do men get their wives?" "Win their hearts, and then they give their hands."

The beautiful Oriental paused thoughtfully, and then replied:—"I do not know that I quite understand you, but I think I like your way better than ours. How far from here is this home of yours?"

"Thousands of miles." The Princess sighed.

"A fast ship would take me there in a few months."

"I shall never see it, stranger, but you shall."

Allan sank upon his knee and covered the Princess' hand with kisses. Her other hand, impelled by her restless curiosity, wandered through his sunny curls, and she continued:—"You will rejoice to leave us, golden-haired stranger; but I shall sorrow."

"Why?" "To lose so brave a friend as you. In my father's kingdom there is no single warrior who would dare attempt what you have done to-day."

"With a companion like you I would wander without fear whither I pleased; but when you are gone I shall not dare venture into a wood, lest some such monster as the one

you have just saved me from make me its prey."

"Are there many such?" "I do not know. I trust not; but there is one which has for many years been the terror of our island. We have to sacrifice many animals to it during the year to save ourselves; but sometimes it is possessed of a longing for human food, and then it devours some of us. I shall perhaps at last be swallowed by it; for, though I myself am the prize offered to him who will rid us of the pest, no one now dares to attack it, as every warrior has perished who has made the attempt."

"Why does not the King lead his army against it, and overwhelm it by numbers?"

"That has been often tried, but in vain. When a large force is sent against it, the wary monster retires into inaccessible morasses, and hides itself where none can trace it. It was once surprised, or perhaps willingly met, ten of our bravest men, but only one of the ten escaped, and his account of the fight was so terrible, that none have since had the courage to attempt the creature's destruction."

"With a Princess with you for the reward of my daring I would assail any serpent or dragon that ever crept or flew. Is the reptile you speak of so much larger than the one I have just vanquished?"

"Our terrors have perhaps magnified it; but it is not so much its size as the peculiar power it possesses of gazing its victims into helplessness, that cures the destruction of all who approach it. It is said to be very old, and the last of its kind."

"You fill me with curiosity. I have read stories of the serpent called the Basilisk, but have deemed them as mere fables, and little dreamed that I should ever encounter one for encounter it I will, and win the prize, too, or perish in the attempt."

"Perish!" cried the Princess, bursting into a flood of tears. "Perish you will, and I be the cause I whom you have just saved from a death too horrible to think of, but such as you yourself must suffer. No, leave me to my sad fate; escape from the fatal land return to your home and be happy."

"Would you could you go with me, sweet Princess?"

She did not answer, but stood gazing thoughtfully upon the ground. At that moment the sound of persons approaching was heard; and soon the King, her father, with an armed escort burst upon the scene.

A slave had seen the Princess enter the wood, heard her screams, and fled to the royal residence, where he reported the circumstance; and the monarch and his guard rushed forth to the rescue of his beloved and beautiful daughter. He was much moved by the contemplation of her miraculous escape from a loathsome death, and gave Allan a rich present in gold and his freedom on the spot.

"If," said he, "you would only subdue another monster, a still more fearful one, the very terror of our hearts, I would not withhold from you even the royal daughter's hand."

"I have heard of the deed to be done, and the prize to be won," replied the brave young Highlander; "and let me have but my father's target and claymore that were saved from the wreck, and I am ready for the work."

He had to explain his meaning to the King, who no sooner comprehended it than he had the desired weapons hunted up and presented to their rightful owner, who announced his determination of starting the next morning on his perilous enterprise. The latter had sharpened his claymore and ax, and was about to retire to rest, when he was summoned to the Princess. He was most affecting interview with her; and though he did his best to inspire her with confidence in his ability to accomplish the work he had undertaken, she took her farewell of him as of one she expected never more to see again.

The next morning he was conducted far on his way by the natives, who wished him success with all their hearts, but dared not hope it. They accompanied him till their courage gave away, and then they directed him which way to find the serpent's lair, and left him to his fate.

Allan Campbell wandered on till sunset, and slept that night in the forest. The next day he continued his journey, less sanguine, and almost convinced of the mythical nature of the monster he hunted. At noon he was sitting upon the bank of a brook, satisfying his hunger and thirst with fruits and water, laughing inwardly at the superstitious fears of the islanders, when, on looking up, his eyes encountered two shining orbs glistering through the foliage on the further side of the streamlet. He mistook their owner for a bird at

first, so high were they, and watched them cautiously for a minute or two, wondering what species possessed such remarkable eyes.

His gaze rested on them to long. At first he felt no alarm, and had no idea that he could not remove his look at pleasure, but afterwards found himself unable to do so. Those eyes! those incomprehensible eyes! they glittered like flaming jewels, and seemed to slowly approach him. At last the head in which they were set showed itself before the thick canopy of leaves, and it was that of a serpent.

Still he continued to gaze, spell-bound. The long fiery-forked tongue of the creature played fantastically between and beyond its yawning jaws; but Allan could take no warning, could make no preparations; he could only sit and gaze. Objects began to change their wonted hues and proportions. Instantly nature lessened and gradually the serpent occupied all his attention. It became immensely magnified; its colors grew more brilliant, and a circle like a rainbow encompassed it. He was completely fascinated. That head and its horrible glory at last monopolized all space and thought. He was irresistibly drawn towards it, and with trembling limbs he rose slowly and staggered forward.

Already had he waded unconsciously half way over the brook when the head, upon which his eyes were so immovably fixed, suddenly disappeared and was replaced by two faces; his own and that of Princess Luletta. His supernatural weakness left him, and his strength and resolution returned.

He turned and beheld the Princess Luletta herself, who was holding a mirror at the end of a lance before him. By her stood one of her father's tame leopards.

Though grateful for his rescue, her hero was at once ashamed, mortified, and furious at his failure. He snatched up the shield he had left on the bank, drew his sword and rushed across the brook to the spot where the serpent had appeared; but it was no longer visible, and could no where be found.

He was at last compelled to return to the Princess, to tell her how he had been surprised, and to pour out his thanks to her for her timely rescue of himself.

"I could not sleep," she replied. "I could not rest after you were gone—I have come to die with you. I paid a visit to the wizard of the mountain, who gave me this mirror and told me how to use it, should I encounter this pest. I coaxed one of my father's tame leopards to follow me, and started in pursuit of you. I have found you in time to give life for life—you in return for mine."

After the lovers had chatted pleasantly for an hour or more, Allan perceiving how much the Princess was overcome by fatigue and want of sleep, entreated her to repose awhile upon the bank, while he protected her slumbers. She was so much exhausted that she was fain to consent, and soon fell asleep.

Allan kept vigilant watch over her, determined not again to be off his guard. After she had slept about an hour, he sought a slight eminence which commanded an extended view of the forest, and the pleasant opening which had first attracted his attention.

While surveying the scene his eye fell upon his dire enemy, gliding stealthily along near the brook, toward the sleeping Luletta. He dashed down the hillock toward toward the prodigious reptile, but ere he could overtake it, the leopard and that had met, and were engaged in a deadly conflict.

It was an unequal strife. With the celerity of a flash of lightning, the serpent had fastened upon the animal and wraped it close in its crushing folds.

As our hero came up to the combatants he heard the leopards bones crack with reports like the discharge of firearms. But his keen blade was out and he was slashing away at the constrictor with all his might; some blows falling upon the leopard some inflicting deep gashes on the serpent's folds, and one, as it darted at him, wounding it severely in the head. It flung its coils off its victim, which staggered a few steps and fell dead. The serpent was lashing about in blind fury, when Allan received a blow that fell him to the earth, and stunned him for the moment.

The brave Princess, who had been roused from her slumbers by the noise, and had been watching the contest with intense emotion, now came to her lover's aid, and confronted the enemy with her slender lance and fragile mirror. But the serpent was not disposed at this conjuncture to renew the conflict, and the Princess had leisure to as-

sist Allan to his feet. He was un hurt and soon recovered his self-possession and courage.

His serpentine foe, who had enough of fighting for the time, began to move slowly away. But Allan would not allow its escape, and followed with a quick and cautious step. The monster turned fiercely upon him, rearing its head high in air, swaying to and fro and hissing horribly. Nothing could be more frightful than the aspect it presented. Our hero, however, stood his ground and received upon his target the head that descended upon him like a thunder-bolt. Though brought to one knee by the force of the concussion, he dealt a trenchant stroke upon the neck of the foe which would, perhaps, have slain any other serpent in existence.

Again the monster raged and rolled itself in convulsions, rapid as light, and the air was filled with dust and fetid exhalations. Our hero's sword was struck from his hand with a force that sent it through the air to a neighboring brook, into which it dropped and disappeared. But he was not again attacked; for his assailant rolled away some hundred yards and there lay writhing in pain; and Allan was so overcome that he could hardly stand, and was supported by the Princess till his faintness had passed away.

As soon as he recovered sufficiently to renew the fight, he was preparing to advance with his ax, his only remaining weapon, when the Princess entreated him to desist from his purpose, or adopt a different plan of attack which she suggested to him, but which he objected to as it exposed her to great danger. He finally yielded to her persuasion, and allowed her to have her way and take her part in the fearful contest.

She crept forward toward the vast voluminous extent of vitality that lay stretched out upon the earth in agony, and holding the mirror before her, attracted its fiery gaze. It looked curiously and steadily at the reflection it presented, and remained almost motionless in spite of its evident suffering. Allan now approached it stealthily from an opposite direction until near enough to reach it, when he raised his ax aloft and dealt it a mighty blow that penetrated through its scales of steeled hardness, and half-divided its body in twain.

This was a fatal stroke, but still the monster fought; and the deadly odor it now emitted more profusely than ever, forced Allan to give way. The Princess ran to his assistance, and led him away almost fainting from the spot.

Whilst our hero was recruiting his strength, his enemy managed to drag itself beneath the ledge of a rock, where it strove to hide its mutilated length under the foliage of the shrubbery. It cost Allan a long hunt to ascertain its whereabouts, which he succeeded in doing while peeping over the edge of the rock beneath where the creature lay.

He beckoned Luletta to his side, they whispered awhile together. Then both set to work piling up a narrow column of stones on the edge of the precipice. This work, as they had to bring the stones from some distance, was very toilsome, but they did not rest till three such columns were erected, and then after taking breath, Allan overthrew the largest of them, and the Princess the smallest, simultaneously off the edge of the rock upon the hapless monster beneath. In a moment after the third column followed.

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But the triumphant lovers did not rest satisfied. They continued to hurl the heaviest stones they could find and lift upon their vanquished enemy, till the creature was literally buried beneath the crushing accumulation.

Then they descended with great glee, shouting and singing their triumph. As soon as the poisonous exhalations had sufficiently passed off to allow them to approach it, they assured themselves that the horrible and hitherto invincible pest of the island was really dead.

Our hero, who had in the meantime fished up his good claymore from the brook, marched with the Princess back to the royal palace, covered with glory.

The King and his army visited the scene of Allan's desperate conflict and brilliant triumph over their common enemy, the monster serpent, which was carried to the palace in a procession witnessed by most of the islanders.

A great festival took place, at which it was carefully skinned, and its flesh cooked and eaten by many desirous of acquiring thereby indomitable valor and cunning. As Allan was already possessed of both, he saw no necessity of partaking of the aliment. The Princess also refrained from the indulgence, for the same or some better reason.

But the prize—the beautiful Princess herself—was awarded to the victor, Allan Campbell, and he resided at the court of her father, much favored by him, till the latter died and was succeeded by his son; when our hero returned with the wealth he had acquired by judicious and industrious traffic to his native land. Its frigid climate proved, however, too severe for his wife, a genuine child of the sun, and the contrasted but happy pair repaired to Florence, and made thereafter the garden of Europe their principal abode.

The bill for the abolition of capital punishment in California has been shelved in the Assembly.





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President Johnson has nominated General McClellan as Minister to England.

This gross income of the Atlantic Cable is \$5,000 a day.

A Chicago Court has just decided that young women of seventeen are too old to be seduced corporally.

A Western paper presents the name of Horace Greeley as a candidate for the next Presidency.

Rev. Father Richard, assisted by the Rev. Father Ruffo, S. J., will commence a mission at San Jose on the first Sunday of March.

London February 27.—The authorities have decided to withdraw the remainder of the suits against Irishmen indicted for walking at mock funerals at Dublin recently.

The late event at Washington gave rise to a lively discussion in the Legislature on the subject of resolutions indorsing the conduct of Congress and President respectively.

The excursion to Oakland for the purpose of examining the suitability of that city for the reception of the State Capital, left comparatively little time for legislation this week.

The Irish people and societies of Gold Hill, Silver City and Dayton, are making preparations to celebrate next Saint Patrick's Day in a becoming manner. The celebration will surpass any of a like nature heretofore held here.

A petition to the Legislature to memorialize Congress for the reenactment of a law prohibiting the employment of aliens who cannot speak English (Chinese) as sailors on American vessels, was presented by Mr. Crovatin.

A tremendous gale prevails on the west coast of England and Wales. The great break water at Holyhead, a massive stone pier of two hundred feet long, has been carried away and the lights have disappeared. No disasters to shipping are reported.

There are now lying at this port the following vessels belonging to the Pacific Squadron: The gun boat Mahan (screw) Saratoga, (sloop) from San Francisco, Resaca, (sloop) from Wyand, and the revenue vessel Independence. The Osage will shortly be down from Mare Island.

An Havana special reports that the German mercantile house of Kobbs, Lettner & Co., at Matanzas, are acting as agents for strong London bankers, for securing a loan by the Spanish Government for \$20,000,000 on account of the Island of Cuba, the loan to be secured by alien on the revenue of the island.

General Emory testified that the President had sent for him, and inquiring particularly about the forces under his command; then asked him what he thought of the Government's policy in regard to the war with Mexico, and the Secretary of State, Mr. Seward, in reply, told him his understanding was that all orders must come to him.

Senator Pratt has introduced a bill into the Legislature to secure the proper management of insurance companies, and also of savings banks and similar institutions. Seven statements of the amount of assets on hand are to be required from such corporations twice a year, and the Secretary of State, Mr. Seward, and Controller are appointed a Board of commissioners to examine those statements.

The English army, notwithstanding the Fenian troubles, get many enlistments from Ireland. Reports to headquarters from the various Irish recruiting districts, show that the recent increase of pay, and other advantages secured to the soldier, have had the effect of making the English army service again popular in Ireland. It is said, also, that those most recently enlisted are generally young men of a better class than formerly.

At a meeting of the Convention of Irish Societies, held at McEvoy Hall on Sunday last, it was decided to accept of the Metropolitan Theatre, for the purpose of having the operation delivered there on the 17th of March. Thomas Mooney, Esq., is the gentleman chosen for the occasion. J. J. O'Malley, Esq., was elected President of the day for the 17th of March. Mr. J. G. Haydon, President of the Convention, resigned his position, and Mr. J. P. Tierney was elected to fill the vacancy. Final arrangements for the 17th of March will be made next Sunday.

There are said to be 400 miners about Grass Valley who are out of employment.

**College Homestead Association.**  
For the accommodation of persons desiring of securing shares of the homestead, the Subscription for the COLLEGE HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATION will be kept open from Monday, the 22nd until the 17th of March, 1868, at the office of the University Homestead Association.

The land of the College Homestead Association is situated on Silver Avenue and the County Road. It is adjacent to St. Mary's College grounds on the north, and is opposite the University Extension grounds on the south, and is, besides being in the line of the city extension south, within close proximity to the proposed railroads, viz: the extension of the Bay View Railroad, and the County Road Railroad.

The lot average is 100 feet, and cost \$200 each, paid in monthly installments of Ten Dollars per month without interest.

Besides the superior location of the land of the College Homestead Association, it has a soil of great richness, and is entirely sheltered from the winds.

Before the summer ends, the construction of contemplated improvements must place shares at a handsome premium.

For full particulars, call at the office of the University Homestead Association, No. 4, Sanson Building, corner of Montgomery and California streets.

THOMAS S. LEWIS, Secretary.

**FENIAN RESOLUTIONS.**—On the 26th inst., Assemblyman Mahon introduced a series of preambles and resolutions on the action of the British Government in relation to the Fenian question. It sets out with the proposition that: Whereas, Certain American citizens, charged with violating the laws of England, have been arrested by the British Government and deprived of their liberty and the privilege of a legal trial; that both native and naturalized citizens of the United States have been arrested and dealt with; that in the recent trials of political offenders, and naturalized citizens, and the Government of Great Britain, by such distinction, has practically, persistently and repeatedly ignored the rights of our Government and laws to confer citizenship upon persons born within the jurisdiction of the Government of Great Britain, thereby denying the sovereignty of our Government, and evincing a desire to undo the glorious work of the Fathers and founders of the Republic, and nullify the results of the Revolution; and

Resolved, That the neutrality laws of the United States are incompatible with the dignity and interests of the Nation, and beneficial only to foreign and unfriendly governments, and ought to be repealed or modified to such extent as will render them only reciprocal with those of other nations.

Resolved, That the people of the State of California will cordially and heartily indorse as far as in them lies, support and aid in carrying out any and all measures that may be adopted by the Government of the United States of America to prevent or punish any outrage by said Great Britain, either actual or threatened, upon the liberties or rights of its citizens, and to maintain its national dignity.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit with all delay, a copy of this preamble and these resolutions to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

The preamble and resolutions were referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

**The Clerkenwell Explosion.**

LONDON, Jan. 11, 1868.  
The first report of the Clerkenwell Explosion Fund Relief Committee is issued. The following is a summary:—7 individuals killed, 41 badly wounded, in some cases maimed for life; 56, many of them heads of families, rendered homeless at midwinter; 600 families suffering in health, person and property, from the violence of the shock. To relieve this great mass of poverty and sorrow £7,000 has been offered by the public—a sum which some of the daily journals regard as miserably small. However, it illustrates the sordid propensity of the great Bull family.

On last Monday, at the Bow St. Police office, the two Desmonds, Anne Justice, Allen and English, the five prisoners charged with having been concerned in the Clerkenwell explosion, were again brought up.

Thomas F. Young deposed that William Desmond was like the man who stood near the barrel just previous to its explosion, but could not swear positively.

Abbot, a young boy who was seriously injured by the explosion, swore that William Desmond was the man who fired the barrel.

James Stratton, a cunman, identified Timothy Desmond as having been by the side of the truck at the time of its being drawn to the prison wall, and he also identified English as having been in and out of the Bell beer-house during the day of the explosion.

Another witness identified Allen and En. Desmond as having been in Corporation-lane about three o'clock that day.

Anne Smithers, wife of the keeper of the Bell beer-house, identified English as having been in the beer-house two or three times a day.

The prisoners were again remanded. The Desmonds, O'Keefe, English and Mullady, were then charged with treason-felony. Further evidence was taken, and they were likewise remanded on the charge.

On the same day, the 6th inst., the 14 prisoners in custody in South Wales, were brought up on remand at Merthyr Tydvil for examination, the formal charge against them being that of "feloniously intending, with divers other persons, to deprive our most gracious Queen Victoria from the style, honor and Royal name of the Imperial Crown of the United Kingdom, in the parish of Merthyr, in December, 1867."

The name of the prisoners are Michael Flynn, David Barry, John Whelan, William Whelan, Thomas McMaun, David Cochlin, Patrick Doran (head centre), William Holland (captain), Thomas Reardon (captain), Patrick Carey, Robert Barrett, John Marroli, Patrick Ryan, and Mark Farley.

Mr. Ensor, of Cardiff protected and Mr. Robinson Smith defended.

The prisoners having answered to their names as given above, Mr. Ensor stated his case in a lengthy address to the bench, in the course of which he said that he would call evidence to show that the prisoners had been guilty of the serious charge of treason-felony, by seeking to overthrow the Queen and to establish a republic.

Patrick Coffey, a member of the Fenian Brotherhood, who stands committed to take his trial for administering the Fenian oath, and who has turned informer, was called and examined at great length. His evidence went to implicate the prisoner Doran, the head centre, and Dolland, captain, as being very active men in administering the oath, and otherwise agitating the Fenian movement in Down.

After a lengthened examination, the prisoners were remanded for a week.

Burke, Cassey, and Shaw were brought up, for the eighth time, on Thursday afternoon. The same counsel as on previous occasions were present. The following additional evidence was given:—

Henry Fisher, shipping clerk—I was formerly employed at Custom st. railway station, Birmingham. I was so employed on the 8th, 10th, and 11th of January, 1866. I loaded four cases of goods, which I can identify by my own figures upon them. I recognize the prisoner Shaw as the man who brought the goods. That was the case with all the consignments notes. He shipped all the four. The cases in question were some of those obtained from Mr. Kylock.

Mr. Lewis—Suppose you only recognize the man from his belief?

Witness—That is the man who brought the goods to me, and the man I took them from.

The evidence taken prior to the apprehension of Shaw was now read over against him.

Corydon was recalled at the request of Mr. Lewis, who wished to cross-examine him on behalf of the prisoner Shaw, for whom he had not been instructed at the time Corydon gave his evidence. In answer to Mr. Lewis, Corydon said:—I identified Shaw last April in the jail at Mullaly, but I have given no further evidence against him, nor have I sworn information against him. He was arrested in March, the day after the rising; a special commission took place in Ireland, but he was not tried there.

The names of the witnesses were then called over, and it was found that all but one, Mr. Hill, were in attendance. Mr. Giffard said that notice could be sent to him.

Mr. Giffard then applied for the committal of the three prisoners for trial on the charge of treason-felony, and observed that although the acts proved had extended over various parts of this country and Ireland, yet, as the principal overt acts, and the foundation of the substantial case against Burke, were the purchases of arms at Birmingham, he should ask for the committal of the prisoners to take their trial at the next assizes to be held for the county of Warwick.

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Mr. Macdonald said that he must oppose that to the utmost of his power. The prisoners were much more likely to have a fair trial in London than in Warwick. Besides, it was a hardship for Burke to be taken to the Spring assizes. He has already been in prison eight weeks. It was quite within the learned magistrate's discretion to commit them to take their trial in London.

Sir Thomas Henry—I know that, and I think I exercise a proper discretion in sending them to Warwick. They must be committed to trial on the charge of treason-felony.

The witnesses must be bound over in £100 to attend and give evidence at the trial. The prisoners were then removed.

When it became known that the prisoners were to be committed to Warwick, the greatest excitement seemed to prevail. In the neighboring public-houses, large assemblages of persons had gathered, and soon a few who had been in the court were seen running, apparently to convey the intelligence. Precisely at the appointed time, 115, a large extra body of police in reserve, to the number of 300, issued simultaneously from the police court and the station opposite. No sooner were the long lines formed when loud cries of "The van is coming!" rang along the lines of people in the distance, and were taken up by the people who thronged every window in the locality. The foot police were all armed with cutlasses, and in a moment more the mounted escort galloped up. Then came the van, and on the door being opened an officer in plain clothes was called therefrom by one of the inspectors to bring the handcuffs and put them on the men in the cells.

It was, however, thought advisable not to handcuff them till they were in the van. The first who was brought from the lock up was Burke, who, escorted by an officer, walked into the van, and on being locked in his compartment, the officer went back and brought Shaw. He having been similarly secured, Casey was then fetched, and all having been duly placed in the van, the word "Face to the right" was given, and the line of foot officers on guard round the van

then opened. The van guard started at a rapid gallop, then the van started, followed by about forty mounted men, all armed with revolvers. It was stated on good authority that the prisoners would proceed direct for Euston square railway station, from thence to be conveyed to Warwick jail.

London, January 12th, 1868.—Instead of matters tending toward improvement, the contrary is the case in this Babylon at the present time. The weather has set in against the pursuits of all out-of-door work; consequently large groups of artisans are seen perambulating our streets in more or less miserable aspect. And if the weather had been all that could be desired at this time of the year, still thousands of hands would be unemployed, through the unsettled condition of the country. Of course, Fenianism is charged with being the sole disturber of social confusion. It is the worst enemy that our leaders that the Fenian agitation is in existence, else they would be at a loss to find a cause to which they could attribute the general depression in all branches of industry. 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